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☒ B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

☐ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below).

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☐ A. Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and, in accordance with \$1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

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*(insert serial numbers and filing dates of prior applications)*

Applicant(s) identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with \$1.98(d). Per 37 CFR \$1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

☐ 3. Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is (are) not in the English language. In accordance with \$1.98(c), Applicant(s) states:

☐ An English translation of each document \_\_\_\_\_ (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.

☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is found in the attached \_\_\_\_\_ search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

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*(insert concise explanation of relevance)*

☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ can be found on page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the specification.

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[X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[X] 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

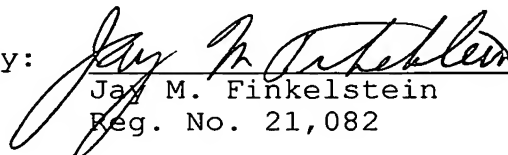
*International Search Report dated October 29, 2002*

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